

Various measures for increasing the production of spices include - (i) Production and distribution of improved high yielding planting material of pepper, clove and nutmeg; (ii) Production of nucleus planting material/foundation seed of pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies and minor spices, (iii) Distribution of input-kits for pepper and minikits for minor spices; (iv) Supply of plant protection sprayers, for pepper; (v) Rehabilitation of old pepper gardens; (vi) Laying out pepper demonstration plots; (vii) Establishment of demonstration-cum-progeny gardens for spices in North Eastern region including West Bengal; and (viii) Training of farmers on processing of spices.

[English]

Setting up of Bank Note Press

5032. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up more Bank Note Presses/Mints in the country in future, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR
SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Sainik School

5033. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Sainik Schools in the country including one at Kazhakkootam in Kerala are in a deplorable condition;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the deplorable condition of the Sainik Schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). The condition in none of the 18 Sainik Schools is deplorable. However, some of the Schools have projected, to the concerned State Governments, the need to undertake certain repairs/maintenance and for creation/provision of additional facilities. As necessary, the Ministry of Defence has also taken up these issues with the concerned State Governments, who are responsible for providing the requisite facilities.

Expenditure Tax Collections

5034. SHRI V S VJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

The total revenue collected by the Union Government through expenditure tax on air-conditioned restaurants and hotels during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The data regarding collection of expenditure tax in the Financial year 1991-92 has not yet been compiled state-wise. Provisional figures of collection upto February, 1992, Zonal Accounts Office wise are given in the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Provisional Figures of Collection of Expenditure Tax during the year 1991-92(Upto February, 1992)

(In lakhs of Rupees)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Zonal Accounts Offices</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Agra	28.36
2.	Ahmedabad	103.36
3.	Allahabad	40.28
4.	Amritsar	5.64
5.	Bangalore	699.07
6.	Bhopal	43.16
7.	Bhubneshwar	2.30
8.	Bombay	3970.56
9.	Calcutta	1947.64
10.	Cochin	(-) 40.14
11.	Hyderabad	122.13
12.	Jaipur	173.93
13.	Jalandhar	1.94
14.	Kanpur	25.30
15.	Lucknow	70.39
16.	Madras	1724.37
17.	Meerut	2.86
18.	Nagpur	29.70
19.	New Delhi	2282.88
20.	Patiala	54.89

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Zonal Accounts Offices</i>	<i>Amount</i>
21	Patna	10.80
22	Pune	134.43
23	Rohtak	8.99
24	Shilong	0.01
Total		11442.85

Revenue Receipt and Expenditure on Administration

5035 PROF RAM KAPSE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the proportion of the revenue received by the Union Government during last three years spent on the Government administration.

(b) whether the Government have fixed any standard proportion between revenue receipt and expenditure to be incurred on administration,

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to fix certain norms regarding optimum relationship between revenue receipt and expenditure on administration, and

(d) if so, the time by which these norms are likely to be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) Administrative expenditure as a percentage of revenue receipts of the Union Government during the last three years are as follows,

	1988-89	89-90	90-91 (Prov)
Administrative Expenditure as % age of Revenue receipt	6.6	6.6	6.5

(b) to (d) Though no specific norms of relationship have been evolved, it has always been the endeavour of Government to keep administrative expenditure to the minimum consistent with the needs including requirements of internal security. The decision of Government to progressively reduce fiscal deficit also calls for further intensification of efforts to eliminate unnecessary or low priority expenditures.

Nationalisation of Peerless

5036 SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for nationalisation of Peerless company,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) and (b) There is no proposal to nationalise the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited.